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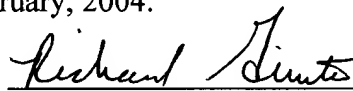
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Applicant: Fred Oliveira et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2003, Applicants request reconsideration:

**Claims** are provided in the complete listing that begins on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this response.